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2019 ANNEXUS GRENACHE

REVIEWS

**95 points, Angus Hughson, WinePilot Website, August 2021**

This is a little bit of an outlier for Australian Grenache, with 80% Eden Valley fruit rather than the more traditional valley floor sourcing. The Eden Valley vines are also over 150 years old so we are talking super-premium fruit. It has created quite a deeply coloured grenache that is, at first glance, ripe and full flavoured with dark, dense fruits with great purity and focus supported by high quality oak. Mulberry and black cherry with new leather adding savoury complexity. The palate is then compact and muscular – beautifully complex spicy, stalky notes over a core of ripe but understated dark fruits. It's a powerhouse that is still bound up tight. Balance is impressive as is the base of ripe tannins which support a long, savoury finish. It's a wine built for the cellar which will help to bring out so much more over the next ten to fifteen years. Drink: 2025 - 2035

**95 points, Erin Larkin, Robert Parker Wine Advocate, July 2022**

2019 and 2020 were warm, dry years in the Barossa, and I think it's years like these where we see what producers are made of. Do they give in to the climate, are they defeated by it, or do they work within the new set of conditions presented to them and make magic regardless? I think you know what I'm going to say here. The 2019 Annexus Grenache is bright and pliable, with layers of ripe but fresh fruit shaped by firm, fine, malleable tannins. This is a brilliant wine. All things are in balance, so drink it whenever you like; however, the beauty of primary fruit is vitality, and I like to see a bit of that in my glass. Drink date 2022-2037

**94 points, Mike Bennie, the Wine Front 20 July 2021**

No Annexus Mataro due to frosts. Annexus right next to the perinexum. Grenache from two, old-old vineyards. Shifting the dial on mono-dimensional, blobby grenache of the Barossa here. Intense, tannin-shaped red of fuller weight but medium flavour and perfume yet still lets you at the lustiness and riper fruit potential of Barossa, just more balanced and athletic. If you get the drift. Tells the palate who is boss but has some ice skates on too. Raspberry, cola, mint and eucalyptus, sandalwood all woven together here. Really great sense of power. Those tannins holding court, hold the tongue firm. Serious feeling grenache of depth and interest here. Drink : 2021 - 2030



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